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Pancras Lane Aug 23. 1820

Mr. John Keats

Dear Sir

I have yours of Sunday and am exceedingly grieved at the contents — you know that it was very much against my will that you lent your money to George — In my settlement with him Mr Hodgkinson omitted a 50£ bill which he had drawn from America & not then due, so that he got this 50£ more than I knew of at the time —

Bad debts for the last two years have cut down the profits of our business to nothing. so that I can scarcely take out enough for my private expence — It is therefore not in my power to lend you any thing — I am

Dear Sir

Yrs —

Rich^d. Abbey

When you are able to call I should be glad to see you. as I should not like to see you want "maintenance for the day"

things - my illness has cost me
about £5. Mr Miller, by
the by, owes me £1.16/ for
books. I wonder is there
a probability of speedy
payment. ~~Moreover~~
where is Heagney now?